## SENATE RESOLUTION 123 By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mildred Parrish, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Ewing Park Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mildred Parrish is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parrish has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Ewing Park Middle School for the third time, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school-level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as an eighth grade English and Forensics teacher for nineteen exemplary years, Mildred Parrish has experienced the teaching environment change yet she maintains that she "wouldn't leave her eighth graders for anything" and that teaching is her "calling"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parrish is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Parrish truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Mildred Parrish should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Mildred Parrish on being chosen as Ewing Park Middle School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy

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